

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

BARBARA COLLINS, L.P.N
License # NP 05093100

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On or about December 13, 2012, respondent was sent a Demand for Statement in Writing Under Oath ("Demand for Statement") on behalf of the Board, asking inter alia that respondent submit documentation of all continuing education completed since May 31, 2009.
3. Respondent indicated that she had completed unspecified continuing education "online" and was unable to document this.
4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, respondent is required to complete a minimum of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education for each renewal period

upon renewal of his nursing license, and retain documentation of continuing education for a minimum of four years.

5. Respondent indicated upon renewal of her nursing license in 2011 that she would have successfully completed all required continuing education for the 2009-2011 renewal period by May 31, 2011. However, respondent did not demonstrate completion of any continuing education during the 2009-2011 renewal period.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of the continuing education obligation for the June 1, 2009-May 31, 2011 renewal cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, and subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

2. Respondent's indication that she would have timely completed the 2009-2011 continuing education obligation, and her failure to subsequently advise the Board that she had provided inaccurate information when she did not complete the continuing education obligation constitutes misrepresentation or deception within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on February 21, 2013, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a public reprimand and a \$250.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written

request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the Provisional Order sent to respondent by certified mail was signed for, and the regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board found that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of June, 2013,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she has demonstrated that she has complied with the continuing education requirement for the June 1, 2009-May 31, 2011 renewal cycle. .

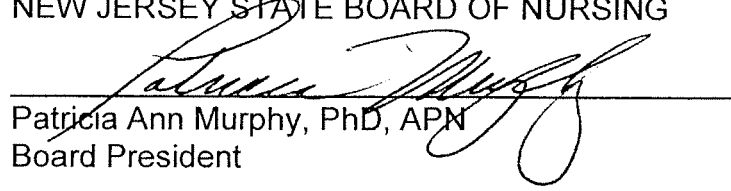
2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's provision of inaccurate information on her renewal application in 2010.

3. A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the failure to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor,

Newark, NJ 07101, within fifteen (15) days of the filing of this Final Order of Discipline.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President